

#### **MEETING OF THE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 2, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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<b>*</b> 33.	Hon. Ryan McEachron	Victorville	SANBAG
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<b>*</b> 57.	Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	El Centro	District 1
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<b>*</b> 59.	Hon. Michael Wilson	Indio	District 66
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# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA APRIL 2, 2015

The Transportation Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.

#### CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair)

**ACTION ITEMS** 

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u> – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

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#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes of the March 5, 2015 Meeting	Attachment	1
2. 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Regional Guidelines (Sarah Jepson, SCAG staff)	Attachment 5 mins.	7
<b>Recommended Action:</b> Recommend the Regional Council approve the 2015 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines.		
CONSENT CALENDAR		
Receive and File		
3. <u>SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update</u>	Attachment	15
4. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule	Attachment	23
INFORMATION ITEM		
5. <u>Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 Transit System Performance</u> Report	Attachment 10 mins.	24



(Matt Gleason, SCAG Staff)

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA APRIL 2, 2015

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

(Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair)

#### **STAFF REPORT**

(Alison Linder, SCAG Staff)

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly, May 7-8, 2015, to be held at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, 78455 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Click here to register.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2015, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.



## Transportation Committee

of the

#### Southern California Association of Governments March 5, 2015

#### Minutes

# THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) met at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario. A quorum was present.

#### **Members Present:**

Hon.	Dante Acosta, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon.	John Addleman, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon.	Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon.	Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon.	Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon.	Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon.	Ben Benoit, Wildomar	WRCOG
Hon.	Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon.	Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon.	Don Campbell, Brawley	ICTC
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Hon.	Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
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Hon.	Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
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Hon.	Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon.	Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon.	Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon.	Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon.	Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon.	Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon.	Ryan McEachron, Victorville	District 65
Hon.	Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon.	Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon.	Barbara Messina, Alhambra (Vice-Chair)	District 34
Hon.	Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon.	Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
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Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, (*Chair*) SANBAG
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio District 66

#### **Members Not Present:**

Hon. Steve De Ruse, La Mirada
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta
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Hon. James C. Ledford North L.A. County

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#### CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, welcomed new committee members; Hon. Ben Benoit, City of Wildomar, Hon. Don Campbell, City of Brawley, Hon. Steve De Ruse, City of La Mirada, Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, Hon. Jan Harnik, City of Palm Desert, Hon. Jim Katapodis, City of Huntington Beach, Hon. Linda Krupa, City of Hemet, Hon. Clint Lorimore, City of Eastvale, Hon. Ray Marquez, City of Chino Hills, Hon. Sam Pedroza, City of Claremont, Hon. Marty Simonoff, City of Brea, Hon. José Luis Solache, City of Lynwood, Hon. Michelle Steel, County of Orange, Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, City of El Centro, Hon. Chuck Washington, City of Temecula and Mr. Gary Slater, Caltrans District 7.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public requested to comment.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Minutes of the October 2, 2014 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Pettis) and SECONDED (Eaton) to approve the Minutes. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Acosta, Addleman, Antonovich, Barrows, Becerra, Benoit, Betts,

Brown, Campbell, Carey, Curtis, Daniels, Eaton, Hack, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Lorimore, Martinez, McEachron, Millhouse, Navarro, O'Leary, Pedroza,

Pettis, Spence, Spiegel, Spohn, Wapner, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Bailey, Hagman, Harnik, Katapodis, Krupa, Tercero, Steel, and

Viegas-Walker

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Receive and File**

- 2. <u>2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy</u> (2016 RTP/SCS) Public Health Integration
- 3. <u>2015 Local Profiles Status Update</u>
- 4. Regional Guidelines for 2015 Active Transportation (Funding) Program (ATP)
- 5. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program Monthly Update
- 6. <u>Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Update Concept Applications Process & Recommendation</u>
- 7. <u>U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Mayors' Challenge for Safer People,</u> Safer Streets
- 8. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
- 9. <u>Introduction to SCAG's Upcoming Environmental Justice Analysis for the 2016-</u> 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy RTP/SCS)

A MOTION was made (Eaton) and SECONDED (Wilson) to approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Acosta, Addleman, Antonovich, Bailey, Barrows, Becerra, Benoit, Betts,

Brown, Campbell, Lee Carey, Curtis, Daniels, Eaton, Hack, Hagman, Harnik, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Katapodis, Krupa, Lorimore, Martinez, McEachron, Medina, Millhouse, Murray, Navarro, O'Leary, Pedroza, Pettis, Real Sebastian, Spence, Spiegel, Spohn, Steel, Tercero, Viegas-

Walker, Wapner, Wilson

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10. <u>Potential Policy Committee Meetings and Agenda Items Related to the Development of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) for the Next Eight (8) Months</u>

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, reviewed the policy committee agenda items for the upcoming months. Mr. Amatya stated the near term goal is to continue with the scenario planning work, basic planning, technology assumptions and key policy issues through summer 2015 so sufficient direction is received from the policy committees to create the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. In April, a joint policy committee meeting will be held to discuss system preservation and operation. In May, at the General Assembly, there will be a scenario planning workshop to further refine the scenarios that will be used in the public outreach meetings to follow. At the June meeting, multi-modal and policy issues will be discussed including active transportation, rail, transit, aviation, goods movement and transportation finance. New technologies will be examined at the July meeting and results of the public workshops will be brought back to the committee for further direction on incorporating them into the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. The Draft 2016-2040 RTP/SCS will be presented to the committee in September. Once approval is received the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS will be released for public review and comment in October.

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, stated her district rotates participation on the Regional Council and asked that planning discussions for the 2016 RTP/SCS are conducted as much as possible in joint policy committee meetings.

Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa, stated there is increased interest in developing mega warehouses in his city along the I-10 corridor and asked that there is discussion about the impacts of these large warehouses.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, stated there is concern mega warehouse development along the I-10 corridor could result in the kind of large truck congestion currently experienced on SR-60.

## 11. <u>Preliminary 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS)</u> Scenario Planning Matrix

Rich Macias, SCAG staff, reported on the 2016 RTP/SCS Scenario Planning Matrix. Mr. Macias stated the scenario planning exercise allows for different policy choices and trade-offs to be evaluated toward achieving the broad goals of improving mobility, reliability, safety as well as economic and public health benefits. Additionally, they serve as a foundation for a dialogue with stakeholders. Mr. Macias noted four (4) different scenarios have been developed by staff through a series of discussions, deliberations and retreats.

The first scenario is the No Build option which is commonly included in project planning and serves as the baseline scenario. Scenario Two (2) is a technical update to the 2012 RTP/SCS without any additional new policy overlays. Scenario Three (3) assumes technical as well as policy updates to the 2012 RTP/SCS. Scenario Four (4) is the most ambitious scenario that assumes investments beyond the constrained plan and aggressive densification of up to 70% multi-family units by 2040.

#### 12. Exposition Light Rail Line Study – Implications for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

Dr. Marlon Boarnet, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Southern California, reported on a recent study examining travel behaviors related to the Exposition Light Rail Line. Dr. Boarnet stated the study involved measuring travel behavior before and after the Exposition Line opening and examining the data for related changes. The

study involved an experimental and control group and the data indicated a reduction of vehicle miles travelled as well as an increase in train trips. Additionally, train users reported a reduction in average car trip length. Beyond the observations related to a shift in travel behavior associated with the Exposition Line, Dr. Boarnet noted studies of this kind can be used to examine the effectiveness of other transportation infrastructure investments.

Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, asked if those who moved into the area during the study were included in the data. Dr. Boarnet responded they were not included in the study as it would have altered the integrity of the data.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Alison Linder, SCAG staff, reported that elections for the committee's Chair and Vice-Chair will be held in April. Those interested can respond to an email that will be sent to committee members. Also, FPPC 700 forms are currently available and are due by April 1, 2015.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alan Wapner adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Alison Linder, Regional Planner Transportation Planning

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**DATE**: April 2, 2015

**TO**: Regional Council (RC)

Executive Administration Committee (EAC)

Community, Economic and Human Committee (CEHD)

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM**: Huasha Liu, Director, Land-Use Planning & Environment, liu@scag.ca.gov,

213-236-1838

SUBJECT: 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Regional Guidelines

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION EAC, TC:**

Recommend the Regional Council approve the 2015 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION RC:**

Approve the 2015 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines and authorize the Executive Director to submit the guidelines to the California Transportation Commission for final approval.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION CEHD, EEC:

Receive and File

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On March 26, 2015, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Statewide Guidelines and announced the 2015 Call for Projects. The 2015 ATP budget is anticipated to be approximately \$300 million and will cover fiscal years 2016/17-2018/19. Approximately 60% of the total funding awards will be recommended by the CTC through the Statewide Program and Small Urban/Rural Program components. Forty percent of the total funding awards will be recommended by regional MPOs; SCAG's share of the MPO component is approximately \$70 million. Similar to the 2014 ATP, SCAG is required to collaborate with the County Transportation Commissions to adopt regional guidelines that outline the criteria and process for selecting projects that are recommended for funding as part of the MPO component. After approval of the Regional Council, the attached 2015 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines will be submitted to the California Transportation Commission for adoption. The 2015 ATP Statewide Guidelines retain many of the same requirements as the 2014 Statewide Guidelines.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective 1: Identify new infrastructure funding opportunities with State, Federal and private partners



#### **BACKGROUND:**

The California Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes 2013), to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking, as well as to ensure compliance with the federal transportation authorization Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The goals of the Active Transportation Program are to:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
- Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals as established pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and Senate Bill 391 (Chapter 585, Statutes of 2009).
- Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Funds awarded through the ATP program are selected by the state (60% of total funds) as well as regional MPOs (40% of total funds).

#### Regional Guidelines

The ATP Regional Guidelines (Guidelines) outline the process by which SCAG in collaboration with the county transportation commissions intends to meet its requirements for implementing the project selection process for the 2015 ATP Regional Program. The Guidelines must be consistent with direction established in the Statewide Guidelines and be approved by the Regional Council and the CTC. The 2015 ATP Statewide Guidelines retain many of the same requirements as the 2014 Statewide Guidelines. Consequently, the 2015 Regional Guidelines remain largely unchanged. Key elements of the guidelines are outlined below:

- Projects selected for the regional program must be submitted as part of a Consolidated (Statewide + Regional) Call for Projects conducted by the CTC between March 26 and May 31, 2015.
- Preliminary scoring will be completed through the Consolidated Call for Projects managed by CTC.
- Projects not selected for the statewide program will be considered for funding in the regional program.
- Each county will have the ability to modify preliminary scores by adding up to 10 points (on a 110 point scale) to projects that are consistent with local and regional plans within each county.
- Geographic equity will be achieved by establishing a preliminary recommended funding list that
  dedicates no less than 95% of the total regional funds to Implementation Projects proportionate to
  the population of each county. Implementation Projects may include capital projects as well as noninfrastructure projects, such as Safe Routes to School programs and other educational and
  enforcement activities.
- Up to 5% of the funding in the regional program will be reserved for the development of active transportation plans. The intent of this reserve to ensure a broad spectrum of projects is funded per the goals of SB 99, while also allowing but not exceeding the requirement that no more than 5% of the regional program be spent on planning.

- SCAG retains the authority to modify the preliminary recommended project list in order to ensure 25% of the total regional program is dedicated to projects benefitting disadvantaged communities, as required by state law.
- The final recommended project list will be reviewed by the CEOs of the county transportation commissions, Caltrans and CTC staff to make any final adjustments and achieve consensus prior to submitting the Regional Program of Projects to SCAG's Regional Council for approval prior to submission to the CTC.

Following approval by the Regional Council and thereafter by the State CTC of the Regional Guidelines, SCAG staff will continue its collaboration with the county transportation commissions to implement the regional project selection process. SCAG staff will provide updates to the Transportation Committee on the regional program, and return to the Regional Council with a recommended program of projects for the 2015 ATP regional program as early as November 2015.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY2014/15 Overall Work Program (050.SCG00169.01: Regional Active Transportation Strategy) and FY2015/1016 Overall Work Program (050.SCG00169.06: Active Transportation Program).

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

2015 ATP Regional Guidelines



#### 2015 Active Transportation Program Southern California Association of Governments Regional Guidelines

The intent of this document is to successfully implement the active transportation related programs and funding components of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and California Senate Bill 99 (SB 99). The following Regional Guidelines outline the roles, responsibilities and processes for selecting projects to receive funding from the SCAG region's dedicated share of the 2015 California Active Transportation Program (ATP). The SCAG region's annual share is approximately \$25 million, which includes 100% of SCAG's federal Transportation Alternative Program apportionments (approximately \$14 million) plus approximately \$11 million/year from other federal and state funding programs that were consolidated by SB 99 into the ATP. These Guidelines relate to the 2015 California Active Transportation Program only, which includes three years of funding in Fiscal Year 2016/17, FY 2017/18 and FY 2018/19. The Guidelines may be revisited and modified for future rounds of funding.

#### **Background**

- The goals of the ATP program are to:
  - o Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
  - o Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
  - Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reductions goals as established pursuant to SB 375.
  - Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
  - o Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.
  - Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.
- The 2015 Active Transportation Program Statewide Guidelines describe the policy, standards, criteria and procedures for the development, adoption and management of ATP.
- Per the requirements of SB 99 and Map-21, 40% of the funds for the ATP program must be distributed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000, with funds distributed to each MPO based on total MPO population.
- The funds distributed by the MPOs must be programmed and allocated to projects selected through a competitive process in accordance with the ATP Guidelines.
- Per SB 99 and the Statewide Guidelines, the following requirements apply specifically to SCAG:
  - SCAG must consult with the county transportation commission, the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the development of the competitive project selection criteria. The

- criteria should include consideration of geographic equity, consistent with program objectives;
- SCAG must place priority on projects that are consistent with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county where the project is located; and
- o SCAG must obtain concurrence from the county transportation commissions.
- A MPO choosing to use the same project selection criteria and weighting, minimum project size, match requirement, and definition of disadvantaged communities as used by the CTC for the statewide competition may defer its project selection to the CTC.
- 25% of the regional funds must benefit disadvantaged communities.
- A large MPO may make up to 5% of its funding available for active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities.
- Non-infrastructure projects are eligible for funding; however, there is not a specific set-aside or cap for this purpose. Non-infrastructure funding is available for start-up or pilot projects that support education, encouragement, and enforcement activities—not ongoing efforts.

#### **Regional Project Selection**

In order to expedite the administrative approval process and accelerate project implementation, SCAG intends to build upon the CTC scoring and ranking process and forgo its option to issue a supplemental regional call for projects. This means that an evaluation committee will not be required at the county or regional level within the SCAG region to separately score projects.

- Once projects have been scored and ranked by CTC for the regional program, SCAG and the county transportation commissions will review and, if necessary, recommend modifications to the regional program to ensure specific statutory requirements can be met in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the law and program guidelines.
- Regional Funding Categories
  - Two funding categories will be established for the regional program to support the review and refinement of the regional program by SCAG and the County Transportation Commissions. These categories will include:
    - Planning Projects may include the development of active transportation plans consistent with eligibility requirements established by the CTC. Active Transportation planning projects will be funded up to the allotted maximum 5% of the regional program budget. If active transportation plans do not satisfy the 5% maximum allotment of the Regional Program and in consideration of geographic equity, Implementation Projects shall be considered.
    - Implementation Projects may include the planning, design, and construction of facilities and/or non-infrastructure projects (e.g., education or traffic enforcement activities).

- No less than 95% of the total regional funds will be dedicated to funding Implementation Projects.
- Oup to 5% of the total regional funds will be dedicated to funding Planning Projects, consistent with the intent of the ATP to fund a broad spectrum of projects and to ensure that disadvantaged communities have resources to develop ATP plans, which will be an eligibility requirement for future funding cycles. If the total request in the Planning Projects Category is less than 5% of the total regional funds, or if applications in this category fail to meet minimum requirements, then the remaining funds will be allocated to Implementation Projects.
- County Transportation Commission's Role in Project Selection
  - Prior to scoring by CTC, SCAG will provide each county with a list of Implementation Project applications submitted within each county.
  - The county transportation commissions will review the Implementation Project lists and determine which projects "are consistent with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county" per the requirements of SB 99. If a project is consistent, the county will assign up to 10 points to each project. "Plan" shall be defined by each county transportation commission.
  - If a county transportation commission assigns additional points (up to 10, as noted above) to a project for which they are the lead applicant, an explanation must be provided to SCAG on how the scoring process resulted in an unbiased evaluation of projects.
  - The Board of each respective county transportation commission will approve the scoring methodology/guidelines and point assignments, and submit the scores to SCAG for inclusion in the final ranking of regional projects.
  - The Board or the Chief Executive Officer of each respective county transportation commission will adopt the final recommended project list as further described in the Recommended Regional Program of Projects section below.
- SCAG's Role in Project Selection
  - o Implementation Projects Category
    - Following the release of the preliminary scores by CTC, SCAG will develop for each county a ranked Implementation Project list reflecting the base score awarded by Caltrans plus any additional point assignments (up to 10 pts as noted above) made by the respective county transportation commission.
    - The ranked list will include a preliminary funding mark, established by the county's population-based share of no less than 95% of the total regional

- funds. The projects from each county above the preliminary funding mark will constitute the preliminary regional project list.
- SCAG will analyze the preliminary regional project list and calculate the total amount of funding to be awarded to disadvantaged communities for Implementation Projects across all of the counties.
  - If the total is more than 25%, SCAG will consider the preliminary regional project list as final and include it in the regional program.
  - If the total is less than 25%, SCAG will modify the preliminary regional project list to ensure the 25% mark is achieved, as follows:
    - Across all counties, the highest scored disadvantaged communities' project that is below the funding mark will be added to the regional project list. This project will displace the lowest scoring project that is above the funding mark and does not benefit a disadvantaged community, regardless of the county.
    - This process will be repeated until the 25% target is met.
    - This process may lead to an outcome where a county receives less than its population-based share of the funding, but is necessary to ensure the disadvantaged communities' requirements for the regional program are met.
    - As noted in Recommended Regional Program of Projects section below, the CEOs, Caltrans and CTC will have the opportunity to make any final adjustments to the preliminary regional project list to address any inequities that may result from this process.

#### Planning Projects Category

- SCAG will create a ranked list of Planning Projects reflecting Caltrans' selection process and scores, and delineating those projects that are above and below the funding mark.
- SCAG will quantify the percentage of funding dedicated to disadvantaged communities within the Planning Category and determine the amount of funding that needs to be dedicated to disadvantaged communities to ensure requirements are met.

• SCAG will largely defer to the ranking of CTC in the selection of the planning projects, however, slight adjustments may be made to the ranking to ensure planning projects are supported in all counties.

#### • Recommended Regional Program of Projects

- SCAG will combine the projects selected from the Planning and Implementation Projects Categories to create a preliminary Regional Program of Projects (Program).
- O The final recommended Regional Program of Projects will be reviewed by the CEOs of the county commissions, Caltrans and CTC staff to make any final adjustments and achieve consensus prior to submitting the Program to SCAG's Regional Council and the Boards or Chief Executive Officers of the county transportation commissions for approval and submission to the CTC.
- Technical Adjustments: The SCAG CEO, the CEO of each County
   Transportation Commission, and their designees may make technical changes to
   the program as needed to ensure the timely delivery of the regionally-selected
   projects.

**DATE:** April 2, 2015

**TO**: Regional Council (RC)

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM**: Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, liu@scag.ca.gov,

213-236-1838

**SUBJECT:** SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

SCAG is providing the attached monthly update regarding successful implementation of seventy-five (75) Sustainability Grants to member agencies. Forty-four (44) of the seventy-five (75) approved SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants were funded in the fall of 2013. An additional fifteen (15) projects were funded in the summer of 2014. Six (6) of these projects will be funded by an award to SCAG from the California Strategic Growth Council. The remaining projects were funded in the fall of 2014. At the time this report was distributed, seventy (70) grant projects have had Scopes of Work developed and finalized, sixty-six (66) grant projects have had Request for Proposals (RFPs) released, fifty-eight (58) grant projects have selected consultants, and forty-eight (48) grant projects have had contracts executed (this includes contracts resulting from Memoranda of Understanding between SCAG and the following Cities and funding contributions: West Covina - \$200,000; Indio - \$175,000; Westminster - \$200,000; and Fountain Valley - \$200,000. These funding contributions are consistent with the Sustainability Grant amount the Regional Council previously authorized).

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#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On September 12, 2013, the Regional Council approved seventy-three (73) Sustainability Planning Grant projects and directed staff to proceed with funding projects with available funds for Phases I and Phase II projects (total of 44 projects). The remaining projects comprised Phase III and are proceeding as additional funds have become available in FY 2014-2015. An additional fifteen (15) projects were funded in the summer of 2014. On August 7, 2014 the Regional Council approved adding two (2) Sustainability Planning



Grant projects to the approved list for a new total of seventy-five (75) projects. On October 2, 2014 the Regional Council approved funding for the remaining projects on the list.

SCAG staff is providing monthly updates to the Board regarding implementation of the seventy-five (75) grants. At the time this report was distributed, seventy (70) grant projects have had Scopes of Work developed and finalized, sixty-six (66) grant projects have had Request for Proposals (RFPs) released, fifty-eight (58) grant projects have selected consultants, and forty-eight (48) grant projects have had contracts executed (this includes contracts resulting from Memoranda of Understanding between SCAG and the following Cities and funding contributions: West Covina - \$200,000; Indio - \$175,000; Westminster - \$200,000; and Fountain Valley - \$200,000. These funding contributions are consistent with the Sustainability Grant amount the Regional Council previously authorized).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding is included in SCAG's FY 2014-15 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget. Staff's work budget for the current fiscal year are included in FY 2014-15 OWP 065.SCG02663.02.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

**Summary Progress Chart** 



## SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants March 12, 2015 Regional Council Progress Update

			Working /				
			Last				
Rank	Applicant	Project	Contact	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
	Phase 1 (Available funds I	FY 13-14)					
		Bloomington Area Valley					
		Blvd. Specific Plan Health					
		and Wellness Element -	x	х	x	x	x
		Public health; Active	^	^	^	^	^
		transportation; Livability;					
1	San Bernardino County	Open space Van Nuys & Boyle Heights					
		Modified Parking					
		Requirements - <b>Economic</b>					
	Los Angeles - Department	development; TOD;	Х	Х	X	Х	X
,	of City Planning	Livability					
	or City Flaming	Bicycle Plan Performance					
		Evaluation - Active					
	Los Angeles - Department	transportation;	X	X	X	X	x
3	of City Planning	performance measures					
	or only riamming	portormanos modernos					
		Public Health: Implementing					
		the Sustainability Framework					
		Public health; Multi-	Х	Х	X	Х	X
	Western Riverside Council	jurisdiction coordination;					
4	of Governments	Sustainability					
		Complete Streets Plan -					
		Complete streets; Active	X	X	X	Х	x
5	Santa Ana	transportation; Livability					
		Climate Action Plan					
		Implementation Tools - GHG					
	0 0	reduction; Multi-	Х	Х	X	Х	X
		jurisdiction coordination;					
- 6	Governments	Implementation Restorative Growthprint					
		Riverside - GHG reduction;					
		Infrastructure investment;	x	x	X	X	X
7	Riverside	Economic development					
	T tive loide	Leonomic de velopment					
		Orange County Bicycle Loop -	х	х	х	х	х
		Active transportation; Multi-					
8	Orange County Parks	jurisdictional; Public health					
		Connecting Newbury Park -					
		Multi-Use Pathway Plan -					
		Active transportation;	X	х	X	Х	x
		Public health; Adaptive re-					
9	Ventura County	use					
		Safe Routes to School Plan -					
	Imperial County	Multi-modal; Active	X	X	X	Х	X
10	Transportation Commission						
		College Village/Greater					
		Dunlap Neighborhood Sustainable Community -	x	x	X	х	x
44	Vucaina	Complete Streets; TOD					
11	Yucaipa	Complete Streets; 10D					

Rank	Applicant	Project	Working / Last Contact	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
	7.100		1	Coope			
12	Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments	Multi-Jurisdictional Regional Bicycle Master Plan - Active transportation; Public health; Adaptive re-use	x	x	x	x	x
		, ,					
13	Eastvale	Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - <b>Active Transportation</b>	х	x	x	x	x
14	West Covina	Downtown Central Business District -Multi-modal; Active transportation	x	x	x	x	x
		General Plan/Sustainability Element & Development Code Assistance - General Plan Update; Sustainability	x	x	x	x	x
15	Placentia	Plan Regional Bicycle Connectivity	_			1	
16	Paramount/Bellflower	- West Santa Ana Branch Corridor - Active transportation; multi- jurisdiction	x	x	x	x	x
17	Costa Mesa	Implementation Plan for Multi- Purpose Trails - Active Transportation	x	x	x	x	x
	Phase 2 (Available funds)						
18	Fullerton	East Wilshire Avenue Bicycle Boulevard - Active transportation; Livability; Demonstration project	x	x	x	x	x
	Beaumont	Climate Action Plan - GHG reduction	х	х	х	х	х
20	Palm Springs	Sustainability Master Plan Update - Leverages larger effort; commitment to implement	х	x	x	x	x
21	Big Bear Lake	Rathbun Corridor Sustainability Plan - Multi- modal; Economic development; Open space	х	х	x	х	x
22	Western Riverside Council of Governments	Land Use, Transportation, and Water Quality Planning Framework - Integrated planning, Sustainability	x	х	x	х	x
23	Anaheim	Bicycle Master Plan Update - Active transportation	x	x	x	x	x
24	Ontario	Ontario Airport Metro Center - Multi-modal; Visualization; Integrated planning	N/A				
25	Coachella Valley Association of Governments	CV Link Health Impact Assessment - Active transportation; Public health; Multi-jurisdiction	x	x	x	x	x

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Rank A	pplicant	Project	Contact	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
	an Bernardino Associated overnments	Multi-jurisdiction	x	х	x	х	x
<b>27</b> C	hino Hills	Climate Action Plan and Implementation Strategy - GHG reduction; Implementation; Sustainability	x	х	x	x	x
	oachella	La Plaza East Urban Development Plan - Mixed- use, TOD, Infill	х	х	x	х	x
C	outh Bay Bicycle oalition/Hermosa, lanhattan, Redondo	Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan - Active transportation; implementable; good value	x	x	x	х	x
30 H	awthorne	Crenshaw Station Area Active Transportation Plan and Overlay Zone - Multi- modal; Active transportation; GHG reduction	x	x	x	x	x
31 C		Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - Multi-modal; Active transportation	х	х	x	x	x
<b>32</b> St	tanton	Green Planning Academy - Innovative; Sustainability; Education & outreach	х	х	x	х	x
33 H	ermosa Beach	Carbon Neutral Plan - GHG reduction; Sustainability	x	х	x	х	x
<b>34</b> Pa	alm Springs	Urban Forestry Initiative - Sustainability; Unique; Resource protection	х	х	x	х	x
35 0	range County	"From Orange to Green" - County of Orange Zoning Code Update - Sustainability; implementation	x	х	x	x	x
<b>36</b> C	alimesa	Wildwood and Calimesa Creek Trail Master Plan Study - Active transportation; Resource protection	x	x	x	x	x
	/estern Riverside Council f Governments	Climate Action Plan Implementation - GHG Reduction; Multi- jurisdiction; implementation	х	х	x	x	x
<b>38</b>  L <sub>)</sub>	ynwood	Safe and Healthy Community Element - Public health & safety, General Plan update	х	х	x	x	x

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Rank	Applicant	Project	Last Contact	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
	Palmdale	Avenue Q Feasibility Study - Mixed-use; Integrated planning	х	х	x	x	х
40	Long Beach	Willow Springs Wetland Habitat Creation Plan - Open Space; Resource protection	х	х	x	x	x
41	Indio	General Plan Sustainability and Mobility Elements - Sustainability; Multi-modal, General Plan update	x	x	x	x	х
42	Glendale	Space 134 - Open space/Freeway cap; Multi- modal	х	х	x	х	х
	Rancho Palos Verdes/City of Los Angeles	Western Avenue Corridor Design Implementation Guidelines - Urban Infill; Mixed-use; Multi-modal	х	х	x	x	х
44	Moreno Valley	Nason Street Corridor Plan - Multi-modal; Economic development	x	x	x	x	x
	Phase 3 (Pending addition						
45	Park 101/City of Los Angeles	Park 101 District - Open space/Freeway cap; Multi- modal	x	x	x		
46	Los Angeles/San Fernando	Northeast San Fernando Valley Sustainability & Prosperity Strategy - Multi- jurisdiction; Economic development; Sustainability	x	х	x	x	
	San Dimas	Downtown Specific Plan - Mixed use; Infill	х	х			
	Los Angeles - Department of City Planning	CEQA Streamlining: Implementing the SCS Through New Incentives - CEQA streamlining	х	х	x		
49	Pico Rivera	Kruse Road Open Space Study - <b>Open space</b> ; <b>Active</b> <b>transportation</b>	х	х	х	x	х
50	South Bay Cities Council of Governments	Neighborhood-Oriented Development Graphics - public outreach	х	x	x	х	
51	San Bernardino Associated Governments	Safe Routes to School Inventory - Active transportation; Public health	х	x	x	x	x
52	Burbank	Mixed-Use Development Standards - Mixed use; Urban infill	х	х	x	х	

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Rank	Applicant	Project	Contact	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
		Countywide Habitat					
		Preservation/Conservation	N/A				
	San Bernardino Associated						
53	Governments	Active Transportation					
		Healthy RC Sustainability					
		Action Plan - Public health;	Х	Х	X	X	
54	Rancho Cucamonga	implementation					
		Form-Based Street Design					
		Guidelines - Complete	x	х	x	x	
		Streets; Multi-modal;					
55	Pasadena	Livability					
		Gateway District/Eco Rapid					
		Transit Station Specific Plan -	x	х			
		Land Use Design; Mixed	^	^			
56	South Gate	Use; Active Transportation					
		Complete Streets Master					
		Plan - Complete Streets	x	x	X	x	
57	Lancaster	Plan					
		Feasibility Study for					
		Relocation of Metrolink	x	x	X		
58	Rancho Cucamonga	Station - Transit Access					
		Soledad Canyon Road					
		Corridor Plan - Land Use	N/A				
59	Santa Clarita	Design; Mixed Use Plan					
		Climate Action Plan -	x	x	x	x	
60	Seal Beach	Climate Action Plan	^	^	^	^	
		Industrial Area Specific Plan -	N/A				
61	La Mirada	Land Use Design	1077				
		Downtown Hemet Specific					
		Plan - Land Use Design;	х	х	X	X	
62	Hemet	Mixed Use Plan					
	Lially avec al Comptant	Hollywood Central Park EIR -					
63	Hollywood Central	Open Space/Freeway Cap;	x	Х			
03	Park/City of Los Angeles	Multi-modal Bicycle/Pedestrian Beltway					
		Planning Project - Active	N/A				
64	Desert Hot Springs	Transportation	IN/A				
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		General Plan Update -					
		Sustainability - <b>General Plan</b>	х	x	X	x	
65	Cathedral City	Update; Sustainability Plan					
		General Plan Update -					
		Circulation Element -					
		General Plan Update;	x	Х	X	X	X
66	Westminster	Complete Streets					
		Climate Action Plan -					
67	La Canada Flintridge	Climate Action Plan	Х	Х	Х		
		Neighborhood Electric					
		Vehicle Plan - <b>Electric</b>	х	X	X		
68	Huntington Beach	Vehicle					
		Green House Gas (GHG)					
		Emission Reduction	x	x	x	x	
		Evaluation Protocol - Climate		^	^		
69	Pasadena	Action Plan					

			Working / Last				
Rank	Applicant	Project	Contact	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
		Countywide Bicycle Route					
	San Bernardino Associated	Mobile Application - Active	x	X			
70	Governments	Transportation					
		General Plan Update -	.,				
71	Dana Point	General Plan Update	X	X	X		
		RE:IMAGINE Downtown -					
		Pedals & Feet - Active	x	X	X		
72	Garden Grove	Transportation; Infill					
73	Barstow	Housing Element and Specific Plan Update - Housing; Land Use Design	x	x	x		
		General Plan Update -					
74	Bell	General Plan Update	Х	X	X	X	
		Euclid/I-405 Overlay Zone -					
75	Fountain Valley	Mixed use; Urban infill	X	X	X	X	Х



#### 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

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1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month; except for the month of October*

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
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Regional Council (RC)	12:15 PM - 2:00 PM

**January 1, 2015 (DARK)** 

February 5, 2015

March 5, 2015

April 2, 2015

May 7 – 8, 2015 (2015 SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly)

June 4, 2015

July 2, 2015

August 6, 2015 (DARK)

September 3, 2015

October 8, 2015\*

(Note: League of California Cities Annual Conference, San Jose, CA, on Sept. 30 – Oct. 2)

November 5, 2015

December 3, 2015

The Regional Council consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, six County Transportation Commissions, one representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies, one Tribal Government representative and one representative for the Air Districts within Southern California.



**DATE**: April 2, 2015

**TO**: Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM**: Matt Gleason, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1832, gleason@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 Transit System Performance Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: Joseph Wehnt

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only - No Action Required.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As part of ongoing Transit/Rail work efforts, staff produces an annual review of transit system performance. This is partly in response to anticipated federal rulemaking to address performance-based planning requirements in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), and also to establish performance baselines for other planning efforts, including the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS). Staff completed work on the FY2011-12 Transit System Performance Report, and will offer a brief overview of the process, methods, and findings. Key findings of the report include the continued significance of fixed route bus service in the region, the growing importance of demand response transit to support regional mobility, and slow growth in per capita transit trips over the last two (2) decades. Future analysis will be needed to better understand the nature of the latter two (2) findings. The report will be posted on the SCAG Transit webpage at <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/PRG.aspx">http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/PRG.aspx</a>.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies, Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the FY2011-12 Transit System Performance Report is to provide an incremental step towards producing a public transportation existing conditions analysis for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, and to begin incorporating an annual review of system performance geared towards planning for operations and maintenance into SCAG's transit modal planning practices in advance of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) rulemaking. The report was developed with input from SCAG's Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee, SCAG's primary forum for seeking input from transit sector stakeholders which includes staff representatives from the region's providers of public transportation and the six (6) county transportation commissions.

The four (4) key goals the report addresses as an incremental step towards the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS include:

1. Providing a framework for understanding the region's large and complex public transportation system, and analyzing its performance at that same level. This includes contextualizing public



transportation's role in providing mobility within the region, addressing governance issues, and addressing the geographic distribution of service provision and consumption, in addition to addressing the growing role of rail transit and demand response services in the region

- 2. Providing a resource that helps policy makers understand the nature and extent of the region's investments in public transportation, the kinds of returns those investments are delivering, and adding to the discussion regarding planning for operations within the context of the production of the 2016 RTP/SCS
- 3. Providing a benchmarking resource which providers of public transportation can use to compare their system's performance to that of comparable agencies
- 4. Addressing new Metropolitan Planning provisions contained in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), relating to the production of public transportation System Performance Reports in Regional Transportation Plans, upon the promulgation of rules by the FTA.

#### **Format**

The report is organized into three sections. Section One, "Public Transportation in the SCAG Region," discusses the types of transit provided in the region, transit's role in providing mobility, and the external benefits transit provides. Section Two, "Evaluating Transit System Performance," analyzes performance at a regional level, addressing the system's productivity, the financial resources dedicated to the region's transit system, and the geographic distribution of service provision and consumption for Fiscal Year 2011-12. The "Operator Profiles" in Section Three depict the individual performance of each of the transit agencies in the region that report data within the National Transit Database's urban operator's format. Discussions of transit governance and the performance measurement context of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS appear in the appendices.

#### **Methods**

The FY2011-12 effort has also been an opportunity for transit stakeholders to shape the format by which transit system performance will be measured in the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. This year's system performance report features FY2011-12 data, which is the base year for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, and these measures and findings will be incorporated into the transit element of the 2016 RTP/SCS. The FY2011-12 analysis focuses on agencies that receive FTA 5307 funding, and report performance data within the National Transit Database's urban operators database.

#### Measures

The report focuses on a series of cost efficiency, cost effectiveness, service delivery, mobility, maintenance, and productivity measures. The data were analyzed at the mode, agency, and regional levels. Subsequent to the promulgation of MAP-21 rules by the FTA, measures incorporating asset management and safety will be incorporated into the transit system performance report process.



#### Key Measures Employed in FY 2011-12 Operator Profiles

Performance Concept	Performance Measure	
Cost Efficiency	Operating cost per revenue vehicle hour	
	Farebox Recovery	
Cost Effectiveness	Operating cost per passenger trip	
	Operating cost per passenger mile	
Service Effectiveness/ Productivity	Passengers per vehicle revenue hour	
	Passengers per vehicle revenue mile	
Maintenance	Fleet Average Vehicle Age	
Mobility/Travel Time	Average Vehicle Speed	

#### **Key Findings**

The two most important findings of the report are the continued importance of fixed route bus service, and the growing importance demand response transit in terms of regional mobility. Fixed route bus service continues to provide over 80% of all transit trips in the SCAG Region. In addition, demand response service currently appears to account for roughly 20% of all service hours. Upon initial analysis, this appears to be a function of increasing trip lengths. An additional key finding is that per capita trips appear to be growing much slower than expected, with the recent economic recession as a key factor within the last decade. More analysis will help staff to better understand the nature of this finding.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item was included in the FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 Overall Work Programs. (140.SCG00121: Transit and Rail Planning)

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

Power Point Presentation: FY2011-12 Transit System Performance Report Overview



## 2011-12 Transit System Performance Report

Transportation Committee Meeting
April 2, 2015

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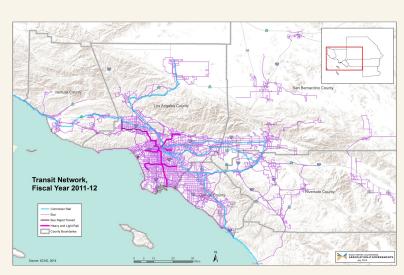
# **Goal: To Better Understand the Regional Transit System and its Performance**

**THE REGION** is a very complex transit environment

- · Nearly 70 providers of fixed route service
- Almost 100 total transit providers
- Highly multimodal
- 3 designated transit districts (Metro, OCTA, GCT)

#### THE REPORT provides a:

- Framework for understanding the region's transit investments
- · Benchmarking resource for Operators
- Resource for Policy Makers; and
- MAP-21 early action



## **Public Transportation Modes in the SCAG Region**











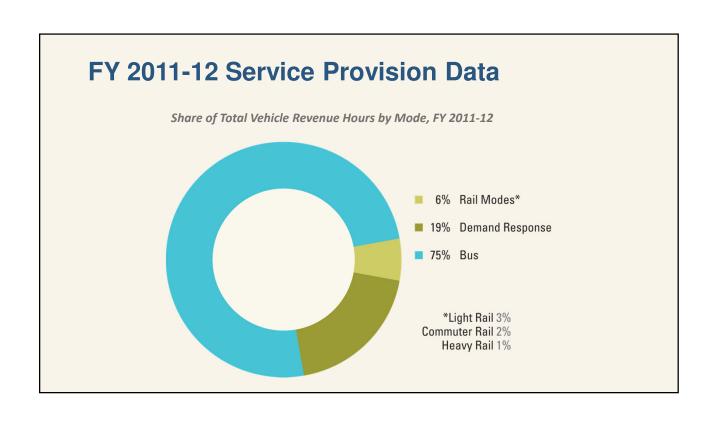
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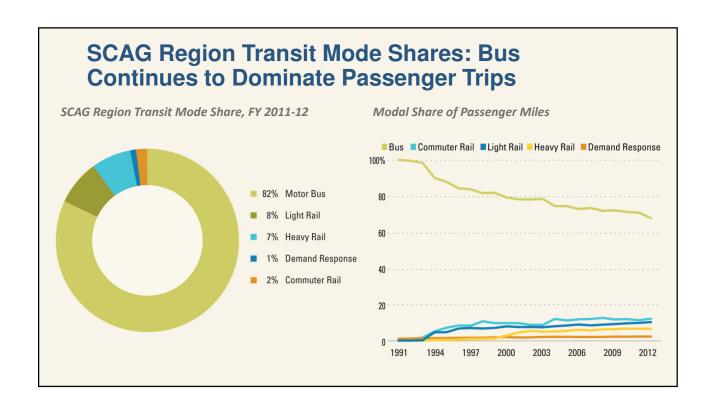
- Analyzed at the system and agency levels, mainly using National Transit Database:
  - Focuses on operators reporting to the Urban database
  - Reporting triggered by the use of 5307 funds
- Reviewed by the Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
- Provides existing conditions analysis for transit element of 2016-2040 RTP/SCS

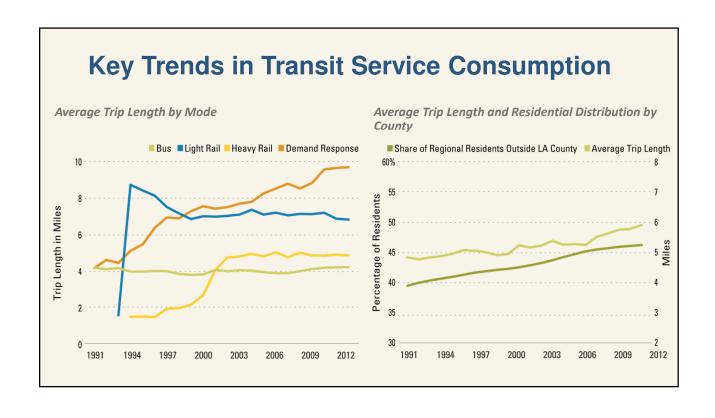


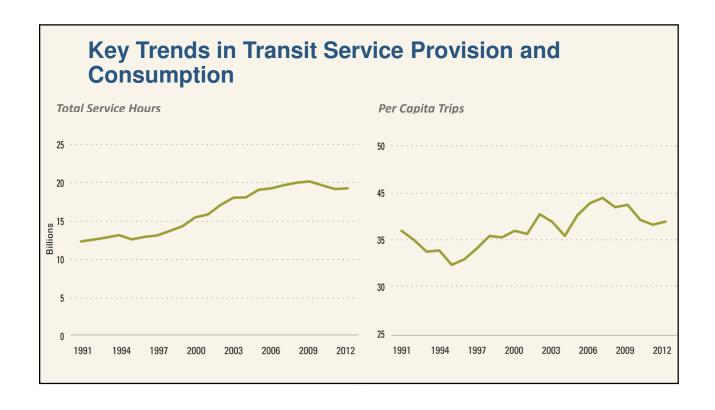


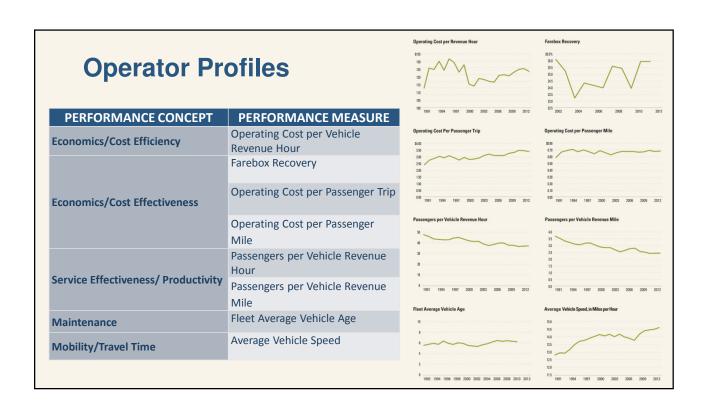
#### FY 2011-12 Performance Data The SCAG Region Characteristics of Transit Service in SCAG Region: Service Provision and Consumption is primarily a bus transit region: 82% 19,160,239 OF ALL TRIPS Total Directional Route Miles: **75%** 18,696 3,633,814,562 OF ALL TRANSIT SERVICE Total Vehicle Revenue Miles: 206.39 9,000 293,205,799 SERVICE **SERVICE ROUTE MILES** SERVICE PROVIDED CONSUMED | TRIPS **CONSUMED I MILES**











## Thank you!

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